

Water Transportation Advisory Board
May 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 2:00 pm on May 17, 2012, in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference Center room C106 in Frankfort, KY.

The Advisory Board members in attendance were: Greg Pritchett, Steve Alley, Ken Canter, and Ed Riney. Also in attendance were:

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC

Chuck Knowles, KTC

Carol Brent, KYTC

Ken Beyer, Louisville District, USACE

Lori Kelsey, KIPDA

Clinton Smith, KYTC

Michael West, Office of Attorney General

Keith Damron, KYTC

Jerry Graves, KIA

David Hamilton, KIA

The meeting was conducted by Greg Pritchett, Water Transportation Advisory Board Chair. The Chair asked for all those in attendance to introduce themselves. The Chair then opened up the floor for a public comment period. No public comments were offered.

The Chair then passed out the minutes of the February 7, 2012, meeting for review. Ken Canter moved that the February 7, 2012, minutes are accepted as presented. Second by Steve Alley. 4 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The Chair then addressed new business. He asked Michael West with the Office of Attorney General to give a presentation on two legal issues raised by board members. The first is the liability of public Riverports in the event of a rail accident on Riverport property. The second is the distribution of surplus property purchased with grant funds (A copy of his findings has been placed on the WTAB website). There was discussion among the attendees of the rail liability question.

The Chair then asked Keith Damron to give an update on the status of the funds appropriated for Riverport Improvement from general funds. There was discussion about the board drafting a formal letter to the Finance Cabinet requesting access to the funds and continuing the process of developing applications. There was also lengthy discussion of the phrase "maintenance of access" used in the budget language and how applications would be prioritized by the board.

The date for the next meeting was scheduled for July 19, 2012 at 2pm in Frankfort.

The meeting was then adjourned by the Chair at 3:26pm.

Submitted:

Jeremy Edgeworth

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